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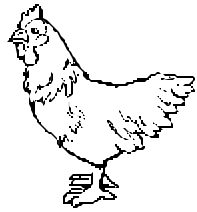
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged to higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Although spot areas reported a slight decline in interest, demand was still fair to good with strongest movement into retail for features and fast food specials. Supplies were usually sufficient or available for needs. Processing schedules were normal to at times heavy with reports of plants operations for Saturday. In the parts structure, wings were slightly more available, but remained no more than adequate and clearing well. Bone in breasts were tight, and the remaining items were mixed, mostly balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/14/02-01/19/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	(Including branded product)	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Chicago		47.00-50.00	47.00-60.00	50.30	23
Los Angeles		68.00			
New York		51.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent					
Mississippi		62.00-63.50	50.00-64.50	62.65	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
697	57.45-65.00	62.78
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.00	1,320
BREASTS - B/S	129.00	4,621
BREASTS - WHOLE	56.50	1,109
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50	770
LEG QUARTERS	28.00	8,408
WINGS	94.00	3,149

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Additional product offerings limited for a light to moderate trade interest. The majority of trade into retail accounts was noted as fair to fairly good with feature activity the best draw. Food service movement was irregular, mostly moderate to good into fast food outlets with active promotions and light to fair at best elsewhere. Floor stocks were in balance for the most part with sizes desirable. Parts trading was moderate on dark meat items, bone-in breasts and wings, and limited on the remaining items. Supplies of wings remain very limited, bone-in breast and leg quarters in close balance, and boneless/skinless breasts varied. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on whole breasts and steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to fairly good with mixed trading. Supplies were in good balance to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were moving well, supported by retail features and seasonal interest for wings. Availability was no more than adequate to well cleared and held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady on regular commitments with new negotiations fully steady. Offerings adequate overall. Buying interest was moderate at best. Retailer demand was fair for whole body and fairly good overall for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69-89, whole cut-up 79, boneless breast 167-399, boneless leg meat 99-119, split breast 99-169, leg quarters 10# bag 390, thigh 77-169, drumstick 77-169, cornish hen 199; Northern California - stewing hens 69, boneless breast 329, whole leg 99-109, drumstick 99-139, thigh 99-139; Colorado - whole body 69-89, leg quarter 69, split breast 179, boneless breast tenders 169; Arizona - whole body 47, boneless breast 169-469, boneless thigh meat 199-349, split breast 100-179, leg quarter 47-79, thigh 79, drumstick 79, cornish hen (22 ounces) 279 each or 2 for 500.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was generally fair at best with better interest noted where features were in progress. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were tight and boneless-skinless breasts were balanced. Wings were slightly more available, but were no more than adequate. Dark meat cuts were clearing sufficiently.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied from just fair to instances good. However, additional interest had slowed and seller offerings were fully adequate in some instances. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings and bone-in breast were generally no more than adequate. Other items were at least adequate for immediate needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	52-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.15
NO. OF BOXES	10,134
CUMULATIVE	
	01/07/02-01/11/02 57.81
	01/08/01-01/12/01 53.33
NO. OF BOXES	
	01/07/02-01/11/02 55,885
	01/08/01-01/12/01 67,177

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

JAN 10

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 12

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	798	115.00-160.00	122-127	127.57	852	115.00-157.00	122-127	126.91	4,225	126.11	
TENDERLOINS	141	105.00-190.00	115-120	134.18	148	105.00-190.00	110-115	131.01	752	130.62	
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	57.00-63.00	60-61	60.60	109	57.00-63.00	58-60	58.52	495	58.79	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				298	61.39	
LEGS	202	36.00-47.00	37-39	41.08	128	36.00-47.00	36-38	37.31	594	37.47	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	398	23.00-27.00	24-25	24.39	402	22.50-27.00	24-25	24.37	1,948	23.02	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,255	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.43	1,255	26.00-29.00	26-27	26.29	6,245	26.12	
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	93.00-100.00	94-96	94.50	296	93.00-101.00	94-96	94.62	1,052	93.34	
WINGS (CUT)	461	104.00-120.00	105-108	108.78	425	104.00-121.00	106-108	109.17	2,250	107.30	
DRUMSTICKS	68	47.00-49.00	-	47.24	TOO FEW TO REPORT				336	46.68	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				178	46.80	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				145	84.91	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR JAN 10, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TRADING FOR JAN 12, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**TODAY'S****5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

40.50 - 45.50

43.92

39.75 - 45.00

43.45

42.38

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend but was generally fair to no better than moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts were tight and boneless-skinless breasts ranged adequate to balanced. Legs and leg quarters were clearing well. Wings had increased in availability but remained no more than adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair to moderate, and continued best for the occasional feature. The market tone was fully steady to firm on bone-in breast, fully steady on wings and at least steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JAN 10				JAN 11				WEEKLY	
ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	120	122.37	334,800	BREAST - B/S	120123.06	399,610	121.722,214,730		
TENDERLOINS	100	104.50	46,880	TENDERLOINS	100103.93	63,611	100.72 398,060		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	57.17	187,640	BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-5459.20	200,600	56.32 1,022,609		
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	52.72	129,160	BREAST - LINE RUN	5354.79	131,920	51.14 776,440		
LEGS	39-40	42.18	142,760	LEGS	39-4040.80	163,600	41.83 847,880		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	25.71	650,984	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-2625.71	382,590	25.65 2,801,756		
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.66	135,100	DRUMSTICKS	38-3940.60	116,545	40.86 653,265		
THIGHS	28-29	35.38	82,650	THIGHS	28-2932.97	132,495	34.93 573,755		
B/S THIGHS	85-86	84.71	62,880	B/S THIGHS	85-8682.78	90,200	85.34 328,000		
WINGS (WHOLE)	94-95	101.98	243,600	WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96103.16	274,600	101.05 1,553,920		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.22	24,600	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-1212.14	41,800	12.16 191,680		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	36.27	15,640	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-3537.55	15,440	36.44 75,044		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.95	24,720	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-6059.38	27,200	58.98 130,160		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,****DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	01/11	01/10	01/09	01/08	01/09	01/08	01/04	01/02
ALA	4,266	4,045	3,995	4,038	4.99	4.98	4,931	5.01
ARK	4,896	5,327	5,299	5,311	5.00	5.04	6,991	5.13
DELMARVA	2,808	2,366	2,314	2,325	5.16	5.31	3,278	5.23
KY-LA-TN	2,024	2,052	2,010	2,034	4.61	4.65	2,442	4.79
MISS	2,684	2,886	2,817	2,748	5.18	5.17	3,846	5.15
NC	3,661	2,664	2,666	2,633	6.24	6.25	3,166	6.16
TEXAS	2,411	2,436	2,393	2,336	5.01	4.98	2,802	5.11
TOTAL	22,750	21,776	21,494	21,425	5.16	5.18	27,456	5.22
MON-FRI 110,048(A)							41.5780,410(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11 and 12-Jan-02 is estimated to be 34,037,000 down 17.39 percent from a week ago and down 2.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 41,200,000; last year 35,018,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week

ending 12-Jan-02 is estimated to be 158,889,000 head up 34.3

percent from a week ago, and up 1.1 percent from a year ago

(Last week 118,269,000 Last year 157,211,000)

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-94
	DRY PACK	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending December 29, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	14,857	20,381	23,112
Avg Weight	3.75	4.76	6.39
% of total /1	25%	35%	40%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	19,781	31,665	26,482
Avg Weight	4.05	4.58	5.92
% of total /1	25%	41%	34%
Same week, yr ago /2	21,114	21,721	33,679
Avg Weight	3.63	4.73	6.11
% of total /1	28%	28%	44%
To date/2001	1,560,241	1,384,814	2,196,452
To date/2000	1,337,705	1,664,803	2,081,498

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% of total /1 25% 35% 40%

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/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 05-Jan-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					

HEAD	118,269(A)	1,436	1,171	2,607	392
AVG WT	5.20	3.42	7.92	5.44	6.69
LAST WEEK	115,281	1,176	818	1,994	378
SAME WK YR AGO	126,812	1,361	772	2,133	487
AVG WT	5.17	3.32	8.00	4.94	6.60
TO-DATE/2002	118,269	1,436	1,171	2,607	392
TO-DATE/2001	126,812	1,361	772	2,133	487

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 144.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 119.7 million head or 24.5 million head less than or 83 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JAN 08, 2002

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .84	Silkie	2.25 - 2.50ea.
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .42	Pigeons	2.20 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.32 - .64	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.84
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.64 - .94	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	1.20 - 1.40
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.04	Bunnies	2.00 - 7.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	.50 - 4.50ea.
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.20	Doves	3.50 - 6.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .72
7-11 LBS	.50 - 1.24		
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.85	Total Coops Sold	532
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 9.50ea.		
Banty Hens	2.00 - 4.00ea.		
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .32		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 07-JAN-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126	123-127
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	62-65	63-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remain unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was fairly good. Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 07-JAN-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 1	159.0	152.5	104	5.18
8	158.8	154.1	103	5.26
15	156.6	152.0	103	5.08
22	161.4	145.7	111	4.95
29	116.7	141.6	82	5.23
JANUARY 5	119.7	144.2	83	5.20
YEAR TO DATE	119.7	144.2	83	
JANUARY 12		150.6		
19		155.0		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	01/12/02	01/05/02	% CHG	01/13/01	% CHG
Broilers	158,889	118,269*	+34	157,211*	+01
Cattle	674	558	+21	684*	-01
Hogs	1,987	1,575	+26	1,904*	+04

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were irregular on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were generally adequate on both lights and heavies. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-26 MAJORITY	31.5-38 MAJORITY 31.75-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25.5-28 MAJORITY 26-27.5	33.5-38.5 MAJORITY 35-35.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair at best for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were less than normal. Canners movement was fair to moderate and clearing. The undertone was about steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was TFEWR. Demand was only fair for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished product sales were moderate with current schedules at least adequate for requirements. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand moderate for the mostly ample offerings of light fowl. Rendering facilities were receiving increased supplies of spent hens. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules heavy. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing were reported as normal. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing. The market tone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair with current production at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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